

--31. The method of claim 1 wherein enhancing milk component production comprises enhancing the weight percent of fat in milk produced by the ruminant.--

--32. The method of claim 1 wherein enhancing milk component production comprises enhancing the weight percent of total solids in milk produced by the ruminant.--

--33. The method of claim 10 wherein the sugar alcohol is ruminally-protected.--

--34. The method of claim 10 wherein enhancing milk component production comprises enhancing the weight percent of true protein in milk produced by the ruminant.--

--35. The method of claim 10 wherein enhancing milk component production comprises enhancing the weight percent of lactose in milk produced by the ruminant.--

--36. The method of claim 10 wherein enhancing milk component production comprises enhancing the weight percent of fat in milk produced by the ruminant.--

--37. The method of claim 10 wherein enhancing milk component production comprises enhancing the weight percent of total solids in milk produced by the ruminant.--

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REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action that was mailed on July 6, 2000. With this Amendment, no claims are canceled; no claims are amended; and new claims 28-37 are added. Additionally, claims 5-7, 12, and 15-27 stand withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention, though Applicant continues to traverse the election requirement. Upon entry of this Amendment, the above-identified application will include 1-37.